

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed November 6, 2009, has been reviewed and the following remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 33, 34 and 35 have been amended, and new claims 36-53 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 30-53 are pending upon entry of the present amendment. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Preliminarily, applicants note with appreciation the indication that the application contains allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 30-35 have been allowed. The present paper cancels the other rejected claims to take this allowable subject matter, and adds new method/system/computer-readable medium claims 36-53 that are believed to also be distinguishable by virtue of the common language appearing in the claims.

Priority

The Action has alleged that certain claim features are not entitled to the Dec. 9, 1992, priority of the 07/991,074 application, and that the features are only entitled to the Dec. 2, 1993, priority date of the 08/160,280 application. The amendment herein removes the claim to the earlier priority date. The earliest claimed priority now is the Dec. 2, 1993, date.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3154.

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Respectfully submitted,

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